

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 946

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jocelin Murray upon being recognized as Youth of the Month at the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community and state leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such deserving person is Jocelin Murray, who was recently recognized as Youth of the Month at the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, Jocelin Murray, age twelve, has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown for five years; she is currently a sixth-grade student at Lincoln Heights Middle School, where her favorite subject is social studies; and

WHEREAS, Jocelin participates in a host of club programs, including gamesroom, gym, park activities, performing arts, swimming, arts and crafts, library, basketball clinics, steak and burger dinner, and lunch helper; her favorite area of the club is the gym, and her favorite activity is playing basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown has given Jocelin the opportunity to improve her basketball skills; she hopes to one day become a professional basketball player; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and provide a safe place of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Morristown, the Youth of the Month program recognizes members based on their attendance, participation, attitude, accomplishments, behavior, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Month participants such as Jocelin exemplify the critical impact of Boys & Girls Clubs on the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, through the Youth of the Month program, Jocelin Murray and other Youth of the Month participants are made aware of potentially hidden leadership abilities and their abilities are cultivated so they learn what it means to be a leader; and

WHEREAS, Jocelin Murray's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Emily Murray and Wendy Payne, and her three sisters; she is a shining example that GREAT FUTURES START HERE – at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people such as Jocelin Murray, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jocelin Murray upon being named the Boys & Girls Club of Morristown Youth of the Month. We extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.